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SUBJECT: LONDON OBSERVER'S ARTICLES ON GREECE JULY 1
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REFERENCE: LONDON 8116 AND STATE 135454

1. EMBASSY ATHENS INADVERTANTLY OMITTED AS ADDRESSEE
FOR LONDON 8149 (JULY 16). LONDON EDITION OF 15 JULY
SUNDAY OBSERVER CARRIED IN UPPER LEFT CORNER OF PAGE 8
STORY FROM ATHENS UNDER DAVID TONGE BYLINE HEADLINED
"CHALLENGE TO GREEK DICTATOR." TONGE STORY, FIVE
PARAGRAPHS IN LENGTH, WAS FOLLOWED BY FOUR PARAGRAPH
STORY BY ROBERT STEPHENS CARRYING FULLY SUBSTANTIVE
REPORT OF SYMINGTON STATEMENT, INCLUDING RELEVANT QUOTE
FROM COLBY PROVIDED BY EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, LONDON 8149 IS REPEATED
BELOW:

3. "SUNDAY OBSERVER, IN ADDITION TO STORY FROM ATHENS
REPORTING CHALLENGE TO PAPADOPOULOS IN FORTHCOMING
JULY 29 REFERENDUM, CARRIED FOLLOWING:

4. 'ROBERT STEPHENS WRITES: PRESIDENT NIXON'S NOMINEE
TO BE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY,
MR. WILLIAM COLBY, LAST WEEK ANSWERED FURTHER QUESTIONS
IN A PRIVATE SESSION OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES

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COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON ABOUT A RECENT REPORT IN THE

OBSERVER THAT THE CIA HAD ENGINEERED THE 1967 MILITARY COUP IN GREECE.

5. 'A STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER THE SESSION ON TUESDAY BY COMMITTEE'S ACTING CHAIRMAN, SENATOR STUART SYMINGTON, SHOWED THAT MR. COLBY HAD REPEATED IN PRIVATE ROUGHLY THE SAME DENIALS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT THAT HE HAD MADE IN PUBLIC A WEEK EARLIER.

6. 'THE COMMITTEE QUOTED HIM AS SAYING: "THE CIA NEVER PAID MR. PAPADOPOULOS ANY MONEY."

7. ' "THE ONLY ASSOCIATION THE AGENCY EVER HAD WITH MR. PAPADOPOULOS OF ANY KIND WAS IN HIS CAPACITY AS AN OFFICER OF THE GREEK INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, WITH WHICH WE HAVE MAINTAINED A LIAISON RELATIONSHIP SINCE THE GREEK CIVIL WAR IN THE 1940S.'"

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